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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Oakridge Expands Digital Learning Experiences

Have you ever taken your child's cell phone or digital device away from them and then discovered they can turn into a model citizen to earn it back? It seems kids nowadays have this innate attraction and comfort with this digital world we live in. Being connected to people and digital media 24/7 is their 'normal'. They go to YouTube to learn whatever they want and ask 'Siri' for routine information that used to take hours in the library to find. They can even Facetime, message, or chat with anyone at anytime anywhere in the world. This was all science fiction when I was a student!

Partly with this reality in mind, a Digital Learning Task Force was assembled to focus on improving the quality and relevancy of education we provide at Oakridge as it relates to the use of technology for teaching and learning. We realize that we are preparing students for jobs that don't exist yet, to use technologies that haven't been invented yet, and to solve problems we don't even know are problems yet. This statement goes far beyond simply teaching a kid how to use a device. More importantly, we are taking a broader scope to look at what employers need in the workforce. CEO's routinely tell us they need employees with 21st Century Skills like responsibility, collaboration, teamwork, creativity, imagination, critical thinking, problem solving, leadership, respect, work ethic, cultural awareness, flexibility, and information literacy.

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- Richard Riley,
former Secretary of Education

Oakridge is taking a number of approaches to address this. First and foremost, we are preparing teachers for this new reality. Highly qualified, well trained, and caring educators are at the core of any school improvement effort. We not only incorporate the 21st Century Skills in our classrooms but we focus on the "whole child" to make sure they are safe, healthy, engaged, supported, and challenged.

Secondly, we are preparing our learning environments with the support of our community.

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IMPORTANT DATES

- August 23.....GSRP Parent Orientation
- August 24.....KinderCamp
- August 25 & 28.....MS/HS Kickoff Registration
- August 29.....Open Houses: OLE, OUE, MS/HS
- September 1.....School Buildings Closed
- September 4.....Labor Day (Offices Closed)
- September 5.....First Day of School (All Students)
- October 13.....Homecoming
- November 9-14.....Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 22-24.....No School (Thanksgiving Break)

Board of Education Meetings

- August 16 - Regular Meeting
- September 6 - Work Session
- September 20 - Regular Meeting
- October 4 - Work Session
- October 18 - Regular Meeting
- November 1 - Work Session
- November 15 - Regular Meeting
- December 6 - Work Session
- December 20 - Regular Meeting

All meetings begin at 7pm in the Administration Board Room unless otherwise noted.

The community of Oakridge Public Schools exists to prepare every student, within a safe and healthy environment, with a globally competitive education focused on college preparation, workplace success, and lifelong learning.



Back to School



SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

Whenever school officials decide to cancel school, it will be released immediately to the following radio & television stations:

WMUS 106.9 FM	WZZM-TV 13
WLCS 98.3 FM	WOOD-TV 8
WSHZ 107.9 FM	WWMT-TV 3
	WMXI-TV 17

Parents are encouraged to provide the district updated phone and email contact information so you receive urgent school alerts. Parents are requested to instruct their children about emergency procedures in the event school is canceled, and should make arrangements for morning cancellation, delays and/or early dismissals. Whenever possible, decisions to cancel or delay the start of classes will be made by approximately 6:00 am.

WELCOME TO OAKRIDGE

We will be seeing some new faces this fall. Please help us welcome the following to our team:

- Nina Gennusa.....College Adviser (HS)
- Santino DiCesare.. Athletic Director (MS/HS)
- Emily Martin.....English Teacher (HS)
- Jessica Buiten.....English/Yearbook (HS)
- Angela Murphy.....Teacher (GSRP)
- Renee Borton.....Special Ed Teacher (HS)
- Tiffany Waldfogel...Classroom Aide (GSRP)
- Kelly Freeman.....Special Education Aide
- Shelby Mangan.....ESL/At Risk Student Specialist
- Chevonne Grimm...Assistant Secretary (MS)
- TBA.....Principal (OUE)
- TBA.....Special Ed Teacher (OUE)
- Andrew Kitchka.....Fusion Teacher
- TBA.....Virtual Learning Specialist
- TBA.....Head Secretary (OUE)

2017/18 OAKRIDGE BUILDING SCHEDULES

BUILDING	FULL DAYS	HALF DAYS	LATE START DAYS*
High School	7:43 - 2:43	7:43 - 11:03	8:43 - 2:43
Middle School	7:43 - 2:43	7:43 - 11:03	8:43 - 2:43
Upper Elementary	8:20 - 3:20	8:20 - 11:40	9:20 - 3:20
Lower Elementary	8:35 - 3:35	8:35 - 11:55	9:35 - 3:35
GSRP	8:30 - 3:30	NO SCHOOL	NO DELAYS
ECSE (AM)	8:05 - 11:20 (AM)	-	NO DELAYS
ECSE (PM)	12:05 - 3:20 (PM)	-	NO DELAYS

* Every Tuesday during the school year (with the exception of June 12th) will be a late start day.

NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS UNDER DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The District has established the following information about each student as “directory” information. This material may be released to any requesting party, including media, unless a parent, guardian, or eligible student files a written notification to the contrary within ten business days of this publication.

- **Procedure:** Parent(s) or eligible students should send a written request to the Principal (see below) specifying that directory information may not be released without consent.
- **Directory Information Includes Any or All of the Following:** Name, address, and telephone number; date and place of birth; photograph; major field of study participation in officially recognized activities and sports; height and weight, if a member of an athletic team; dates of attendance, date of graduation and awards received; school photographs or videos of students participating in school events, activities or programs; honor rolls; scholarships; and any other information the District considers would not be harmful or an invasion of privacy, if disclosed.

A copy of the Board of Education policy and accompanying District regulations are available at the Oakridge Public School Administration Office located at 275 S. Wolf Lake Road, Muskegon, MI 49442, and on the district website at www.oakridgeschools.org.

OAKRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the policy of Oakridge Public Schools that no person will, on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed or ancestry, political belief, sex, disability, handicap, religion, age, height, weight or marital status be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination during any program or activity or in employment.

Any questions concerning Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex, Title VI, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin, or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap, should be directed to **Greg Bodrie, Easter Service Unit, 3255 E. Pontaluna Road, Fruitport, MI 49415, (231) 865-4055.**

NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS UNDER FERPA FOR ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) afford parents and students who are 18 years of age or older “eligible students” certain rights with respect to the student’s education records. These rights include:

1. The right to inspect and review the student’s education records within 45 days after the day the school receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the Principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student’s education records that the parent or eligible student believes is inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student’s privacy rights under FERPA. Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the school to amend a record should write the school principal (or appropriate school official), clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
3. The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school such as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of the school who performs an institutional service or function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the school to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are: Family Policy Compliance Office • U.S. Department of Education • 400 Maryland Ave., SW • Washington, D.C. 20202

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

- Are you new to the Oakridge School District? We are proud of the educational opportunities available to your child! You will need to provide a proof of residency, your child's birth certificate, immunization records, current IEP (if applicable for SE services), unofficial transcripts (for HS students), along with your enrollment application. For more information about enrollment, and to download an Enrollment Form, please visit www.oakridgeschools.org/for-parents/enrollment-forms/

STAY INFORMED

- Are you signed up to receive email an/or phone messages from the school? Simply complete your **parent/student contact sheet** at your school's open house. Be sure to **include your phone number AND email address** on your sheet to receive urgent alerts and emails from the school. If you're unable to attend your school's open house, simply stop into the office to verify your contact information is up-to-date.

MEDICAID FUNDS NOW AVAILABLE

Through an Act of Congress, public schools have the opportunity to use Medicaid funds to help pay for some special education services.

As a result of this act, some services provided to Oakridge students may appear on monthly Medicaid statements under the heading of Muskegon Area Intermediate School District. The MAISD will reimburse Oakridge Public Schools.

A few services Medicaid may help pay for are: occupational, physical, and speech therapy, social work services, nursing services, and diagnostic evaluations.

This will not change the delivery of services to Oakridge students, but is a way to offset the increasing cost of services provided by the district.

Our goal remains to provide the most appropriate, highest quality services available. For more information, please call Greg Bodrie, Director of Special Education at 865-4055.

PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION REQUEST

Pesticide applications are periodically applied to school property. If you would like to receive prior notification of these applications, please fill out the form below and return it to: Oakridge Administration Office Attn: Cory Schullo, 275 S. Wolf Lake Road, Muskegon, MI 49442 or fax it to (231) 788-7114.

PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION FOR OAKRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I would like to receive prior notification of scheduled pesticide applications.		
Parent/Guardian Name		Student Name
Address	City, State	Zip
E-Mail Address		Phone Number
Building Your Student Attends		Today's Date

Pesticides may be applied in an emergency situation without prior notification to parents/guardians, but they will be notified of the application after it occurs.

TRANSPORTATION

As the school year approaches, please be advised of important transportation information.

Annually, buses are re-routed to address changes in ridership and provide efficiencies. Bus routes may not be the same as last year, bus stop locations and times may have changed, and students may walk further to get to bus stops.

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to get students to and from designated bus stops safely and to monitor their student while at the bus stop. Parents/guardians of kindergarten students must be waiting at the bus stop to receive their student at drop-off time.

Buses tend to run late the first few weeks of school and during inclement weather. Students should arrive at the bus stop location approximately (5) five to (7) seven minutes prior to the scheduled bus arrival time. Buses will not wait or return for late students.

On Late Start Tuesdays, all buses will arrive at designated bus stops approximately one hour later than the normal schedule for all K-12 students.

If you have not yet done so, please complete the Student Transportation Request Form for the 2017/18 school year on the NEXT page or online at www.oakridgeschools.org. It is important for us to receive this form whether or not your student will be riding a bus.

Transportation information will be mailed home to students in grades K-6 the week of August 28th. The form will be available during middle and high school orientations and can be accessed via the PowerSchool Parent Portal under Transportation. Be sure to check out the Transportation web page for important information such as: bus passenger safety information, transportation forms, parent letter and FAQ's. www.oakridgeschools.org/Departments/Transportation

Communication is an important aspect of transportation. We will work together to provide students with a safe environment at all times. We appreciate your support and cooperation and look forward to transporting your child during the upcoming school year.



TRANSPORTATION FORM

17/18 SCHOOL YEAR CHANGES AND NEW ENROLLMENT

Oakridge Public Schools
Transportation Department

TRANSPORTATION ENROLLMENT FORM

Attention Parents: Please renew this form each year so that we have the most up to date information for students. All information from the previous year will be removed from our transportation system. Return completed form before the last day of school. If your student will not need transportation services, please complete the first and last name and circle no transportation necessary for the morning pick up and afternoon drop off.

New Enrollee Change of Address Change of Pickup/Drop off Location New School year

Student First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ MI: _____
School: _____ Grade: _____ Gender: _____ Home Phone: _____

Home Address: _____
City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone

Name: _____ C: _____ W: _____

Name: _____ C: _____ W: _____

In order to increase student safety and be more operationally efficient, Parents/Guardians are requested to identify one (1) pick up location and one (1) drop off location for the school year.

Morning Pick Up Location: (circle one) HOME ALTERNATE SITE NO TRANSPORTATION

Alt Site Address: _____ Contact Person/Phone: _____

Afternoon Drop-Off Location: (circle one) HOME ALTERNATE SITE NO TRANSPORTATION

Alt Site Address: _____ Contact Person/Phone: _____

Half Day Drop-Off Location: (circle one) HOME ALTERNATE SITE NO TRANSPORTATION

Alt Site Address: _____ Contact Person/Phone: _____

To help us assist students please indicate any behavior/health/allergy concerns and action to be taken:

Transportation Information:

*****There must be a parent/guardian at the bus stop to receive Kindergarten students after school*****

1. Parents/guardians will need to identify one pick-up location and one drop-off location for the entire school year. If the alternate site arrangements vary from day to day, it will become the parent's responsibility to provide transportation on those alternate days.
2. There will be **no bus passes** provided for any reason i.e. a friend is riding home with your child. This reduces end of day confusion for all district staff and students
3. Buses do not travel down every road, cul-de-sac, dead-end streets, and private roads/drives, or into every subdivision.
4. Bus route information for will be available on the parent view of Powerschool approximately 1 to 2 weeks before the start of the year.
5. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to see that a child gets safely to and from the bus stop. Parents of younger students are encouraged to be at the bus stop to receive their student upon drop off.
6. Please allow 5-7 business days for the office to make transportation request changes.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Lower Elementary **Upper Elementary** **Oakridge High School** **Oakridge Middle School**

For transportation office use only:

Date received: _____ Received by: _____ Initiation date: _____
Return called by _____ Spoke with: _____ Date: _____ Transfer to _____ Sent to School(s) _____
 Copy to Driver(s) Notified Parent Printed Copy of Route

FOOD SERVICES

FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

Children who eat breakfast in school do better in math and miss fewer class days, according to a national study released recently. The study analyzed national demographic data to learn that children who eat school breakfast score an average of 17.5% higher on math tests. Also, students who eat school breakfast attend class an average of 1.5 days more per year. The report found that the combination of higher attendance and increased math scores means kids who eat school breakfast are 20% more likely to graduate high school.

Oakridge will now offer FREE BREAKFAST to all students K-12 starting this fall!

PRICING INFORMATION

The breakfast & lunch program will begin on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 (the first day of school).

Breakfast (all buildings).....	FREE	/	FREE
Lunch: Elementary.....	\$2.45 daily	/	\$11.75 weekly
Lunch: Middle & High School.....	\$2.70 daily	/	\$13.00 weekly
Reduced Price Lunch (all buildings).....	\$0.40 daily	/	\$2.00 weekly
Adult Breakfast.....	\$2.00 daily	/	\$10.00 weekly
Adult Lunch.....	\$3.50 daily	/	\$17.50 weekly
Milk Only.....	\$0.40 daily	/	\$2.00 weekly

Please Note:

1. There will be **NO** credit issued.
2. Reduced price meals will only be given to those who qualify.
3. Reduced price meals are available upon proper application to families who qualify for the program. You can find a printable application on our website www.oakridgeschools.org. The application must be fully completed and approved before students may receive reduced priced meals. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start getting FAP, FIP, FDPIR, or other benefits. If you lose your job, your children may be able to get reduced price meals. Applications are available in all school offices and online at www.lunchapp.com.

Students who qualified for reduced priced meals in the 2016-17 school year are still eligible through October 1, 2017. **If a new application is not filed before October 16th, the student will be charged full price for a meal until a new application is reviewed and a determination is made.** If you have questions, please contact Kristie Long at (231) 788-7318.

It is the responsibility of the parents to provide for lunch for their children while at school. However, it is important to provide that children receive the nutrition they need to stay focused during the school day. This procedure shall apply in the event that a child neither has a lunch nor the funds to purchase a lunch.

Elementary students (grades K-6) will be allowed to 'charge' up to a maximum dollar equivalent of three (3) meals. When a child reaches or exceeds the allowed charge limit they will be offered a "grace" meal until the negative balance is paid off. The "grace" meal will consist of a cheese sandwich, fruit, and milk and the student will not be charged for that meal. Notices of low or negative balances will be sent to parent/guardian on a weekly basis. The Director of Food Services will work with each Principal to determine a payment schedule for these meals.

Secondary students (grades 7-12) and adults must pay for meals at the time of service. There is a no credit/charge policy in effect for all secondary students. In the event of an already existing negative balance (carried over from previous year), the student will be offered a "grace" meal until the negative balance is paid off. The "grace" meal will consist of a cheese sandwich, fruit, and milk and the student will not be charged for that meal. Students with any negative account balances will not be allowed to purchase ala carte items. A student's parent(s) will be notified of a delinquency in a student's account. The Director of Food Services will work with each Principal to determine a payment schedule for these meals. Graduating seniors must pay any delinquent meal charges on their account in order to walk in the graduation ceremony.

Parents may pay for school meals by sending check or cash to school with their child to give to the office or via the Internet through the District's Food Services website.

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

MS/HS KICKSTART ORIENTATION

Kickstart Orientation for Oakridge Middle School & High School students will be from **9 am-Noon and 1 pm-3 pm on August 25 (Fri) & August 28 (Mon)**. Students are welcome to attend either one of these days/times. Students will be able to turn in paperwork and have their school photos taken. Students will be given their class schedules, locker assignments, Chromebooks, and will be able to purchase their Spirit Shirts at Orientation. Our Counseling Staff will be available to answer any questions, too.

MILITARY RECRUITMENT/OPT OUT

Pursuant to federal law (NCLB), a student's legal parent or guardian has the option to choose not to provide their student's directory information to the military recruiters that visit Oakridge HS. Those wishing to withhold this information can request an Opt-Out form from the counseling center. Forms must be completed & returned to the counseling center no later than **September 8, 2017** for the 2017/18 school year.

COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT

The Counseling Center will sponsor a College Planning Night for Oakridge Seniors and their parents on **Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the HS Cafeteria**.

Please join for an overview of the college planning process, financial aid and scholarship planning, and how to best use the counseling center for your planning.

This is a great resource for parents looking to get a better understanding of college planning. We hope to see all seniors and their parents!

NEW OHS COLLEGE ADVISER

OHS is pleased to welcome **Nina Gennusa (788-7329)**, our full-time college adviser for the 2017/18 school year. This position is made possible through a staffing partnership with MSU College Advising Corps. The College Adviser will focus on assisting seniors with the transition to college, including applications, scholarships and financial aid. The adviser will also work with lower grade levels on understanding college access and exploring college options.

2017/18 OPEN HOUSE

The Open House for all OMS & OHS parents & students will be held on **August 29 (Tues) from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm**. All of the high school & middle school teachers will be available and are excited to get to know you and your student!

OHS LINK CREW FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

This year we are excited to offer our OHS Link Crew Orientation for Freshman! It will take place on Wednesday, **August 30th from 8:15 am - Noon**. The purpose of this orientation is to make the transition from middle to high school a more positive experience.

PLANNING CALENDARS FOR JUNIORS & SENIORS

Juniors and senior students should receive a complete 2017/18 Planning Calendar with their class schedule. Below are some upcoming points to be aware of.

Juniors: September / October

- 1) All Juniors will be taking the October PSAT/NMSQT test. This will help Juniors transition to the newly-required SAT test as part of Michigan's Spring Assessment. Also, the PSAT/NMSQT is an excellent tool to prepare for college and potentially qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Competition.
- 2) Attend College Representative Visits at OHS. Listen for PA announcements or check the list of scheduled college visits in the Counseling Center.

Seniors: September / October

- 1) Plan to attend the September 20th OHS College Planning Night in the HS Cafeteria at 6:00 pm.
- 2) Prepare or revise Personal Statements & Activity sheets for use with college admission and scholarship essays.
- 3) Start the college application and scholarship process NOW!
- 4) If you are interested in being eligible for college athletics, register with NCAA at www.ncaa.org.
- 5) Take or retake the SAT or ACT during the fall test sessions. Register by September 8th for the October 7th SAT through your student's College Board account at www.collegeboard.org. Register by September 22nd for the October 28th ACT at www.actstudent.org.

UPPER ELEMENTARY NEWS

OUE is excited to welcome our newly enrolled and returning students back to school in September. Please feel welcome to stop in to the building to enroll, get acquainted with the layout, visit, and have your questions answered.

OUE OPEN HOUSE

We look forward to seeing you at our Open House on **Tuesday, August 29, 2017 from 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm**. Our Mission is to nurture, inspire, and challenge students to maximize their abilities by providing quality learning experiences in a caring environment. We are looking forward to a great new school year in 2017/18!

STUDENT MAILING

All returning OUE students should receive a packet in the mail that will include their teacher assignment, supply list and any required paperwork for the upcoming school year. If you have not received your packet, or are new to the district, please stop by the office prior to the Open House to pick up a packet. Completed packets can be turned in at the OUE Open House on Aug. 29th.

NEW PRINCIPAL

At the end of the 2016/17 school year, we were very sad to learn that Mr. Moran accepted a new position as the HS Principal at Montague Public Schools. While we will greatly miss having him in our District, we are very excited for his new opportunity. We are in the process of hiring a new Principal for OUE, and will be making that announcement on our website, social media and through our email portal very soon.

LOWER ELEMENTARY & GSRP NEWS

We are thrilled to welcome all new and returning students to the 2017/18 school year! We would like to see everyone attend the open house events listed below. The first day of school is Tuesday, September 5th for all students, including preschool. This will also be a late start day! Our school supply list is available online at www.oakridgeschools.org. If you still need to register your child for school, please stop by our office during business hours after August 15th. We are so excited to see all of our friends at our open houses to start an awesome school year! Let's remember Buzzy's Rules: Bee Safe, Bee Kind and Bee Respectful!



GSRP PARENT ORIENTATION

Date: August 23, 2017 (Wednesday)

When: 6:00 pm

Where: Early Childhood Center

Meet our wonderful staff and teachers, take a tour, and have all of your questions answered. This event is for all incoming preschool student parents.

KINDERCAMP

Date: August 24, 2017 (Thursday)

When: 9:00 am - Noon

Where: Oakridge Lower Elementary

This event is for all incoming Kindergarten & TK students. Parents will stay for a brief parent meeting and students will join their teacher for a great morning of getting to know the school. Parents can return to pick up their child at 11:45 am.

OLE OPEN HOUSE

Please join us for an OLE Open House on **Tuesday, August 29, 2017 from 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm**. This event is for all students, Kindergarten - 3rd grade. Meet and greet, and find your seat! You should receive a letter in the mail prior to the Open House including your child's teacher assignment and a student demographic sheet that parents should bring back with them to the Open House. If you did not receive a letter in the mail, please stop by the OLE Office for your child's information.

OAKRIDGE ATHLETICS

ATHLETIC TICKET PRICES & SEASON PASSES

The Athletic Department will be offering reserved season tickets for home Varsity Football Games.

Reserved Season Seats for home Varsity Football Games can be purchased for **\$20** per reserved seat in the High School Office starting **August 21st from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm**. Staff Passes & Golden Eagle passes are not accepted for Reserved Seats - they are only accepted for General Admission Seats.

Family Pass	\$200.00
(good for all regular season home JV or Varsity games (up to 5 people in immediate family)	
Football Season Pass (JV & Varsity).....	\$25.00 / Person
Varsity Football: All Gate Tickets	\$5.00 / Adult & Student
Varsity Football: Student Pre-Sale Tickets	\$3.00 / Student
JV Football: All Tickets	\$3.00 / Person
JV & Varsity Girls' Basketball: Season Pass	\$25.00 / Person
JV & Varsity Girls' Basketball: All Gate Tickets	\$5.00 / Adult, \$3.00 / Student
JV & Varsity Boys' Basketball: Season Pass	\$25.00 / Person
JV & Varsity Boys' Basketball: All Gate Tickets	\$5.00 / Adult, \$3.00 / Student
JV & Varsity Volleyball: Season Pass	\$25.00 / Person
JV & Varsity Volleyball: All Gate Tickets	\$5.00 / Adult, \$3.00 / Student
JV & Varsity Soccer: Season Pass	\$20.00 / Person
JV & Varsity Soccer: All Gate Tickets	\$5.00 / Adult, \$3.00 / Student
All Middle School Athletic Events.....	\$5.00 / Adult, \$3.00 / Student

**Children under the age of five with an adult will be admitted for FREE.*

SPORTS PHYSICALS

All athletes at Oakridge Public Schools are required to have a sports physical once a school year before practicing or participating in sports. It is the responsibility of the student-athlete and/or parent/guardian to have the physical completed by the first day of practice. This is in accordance with MHSAA Guidelines.

Physicals are offered at the Teen Health Center, located at the Middle School building.

Appointments can be made at the Teen Health Center for sports physicals by calling (231) 733-6830. Walk-ins are also welcome.

PAY TO PARTICIPATE ATHLETICS

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS (JV & VARSITY)

Oakridge Public Schools requires all athletes to pay \$50 to compete in their first sport, and \$25 for each additional sports season they participate in. Oakridge expects the athlete, not the parents, to be responsible for participation fees. An athlete will not compete in an event until his or her money is paid.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Students must pay a fee of \$50 each school year to participate in one or more sports. This payment of \$50 is due before the student's first practice of the season. Students who do not pay, will not be allowed to participate.

NEW EAGLE NATION APPAREL

Oakridge Eagle apparel is available for purchase at the High School Office. We currently carry adult sizes only. Stop in to get the latest t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, and more so you can show your Oakridge Pride at athletic events and around town.

Local vendors who also have printing rights for the official Oakridge Eagle logo are Threadlines and Trophy House.



FALL ATHLETICS SCHEDULE

Varsity Football

8/24	@ Chippewa Hills	7:00 PM
8/31	@ North Muskegon	7:00 PM
9/8	Shelby	7:00 PM
9/15	@ Whitehall	7:00 PM
9/22	Ravenna	7:00 PM
9/29	Mason County Central	7:00 PM
10/6	@ Montague	7:00 PM
10/13	Hart	7:00 PM
10/20	@ Berrien Springs	7:00 PM

JV Football

8/24	@ Chippewa Hills	2:30 PM
8/30	North Muskegon	6:30 PM
9/7	@ Shelby	6:30 PM
9/14	Whitehall	6:30 PM
9/21	@ Ravenna	6:30 PM
9/29	@ Mason County Central	6:30 PM
10/5	Montague	6:30 PM
10/12	@ Hart	6:30 PM
10/19	Berrien Springs	5:30 PM

Cross Country

8/21	@ Orchard View Invitational	TBA
8/26	@ Big Red Invitational (Muskegon)	TBA
8/29	@ Don Anderson Trail Run (G Haven)	TBA
9/9	@ West Ottawa Invitational (Holland)	TBA
9/16	@ Ludington Invitational (WSSC)	TBA
9/19	@ Ravenna (WMC)	4:30 PM
9/23	Oakridge Invitational	TBA
9/26	@ Montague (WMC)	4:30 PM
9/30	@ Fruitport Invitational	TBA
10/10	@ Whitehall (WMC)	4:30 PM
10/13	@ Muskegon Comm College (GMAA)	TBA
10/17	@ Shelby (WMC)	4:30 PM
10/21	@ Mel Hall Invitational (Spring Lake)	TBA
10/24	@ Big Red Mini-Invite (Muskegon)	TBA

Varsity Volleyball

8/19	@ Holton Invitational	9:00 AM
8/24	@ Coopersville Invitational	9:00 AM
8/28	Muskegon	6:30 PM
8/29	Montague	6:30 PM
9/5	@ Shelby	6:30 PM
9/12	@ Ravenna	6:30 PM
9/16	Oakridge Invitational	6:30 PM
9/19	North Muskegon	6:30 PM
9/26	MCC	6:30 PM
10/3	@ Hart	6:30 PM
10/5	@ Covenant Christian	6:30 PM
10/7	@ Kent City Invitational	TBA
10/10	@ Whitehall	6:30 PM
10/14	@ Mona Shores (GMAA)	TBA
10/19	Orchard View	6:30 PM
10/21	@ N Muskegon (WMC)	TBA
10/24	@ Sparta	TBA
10/25	Covenant Christian	6:30 PM

Varsity Boys Soccer

8/19	Oakridge Tournament	8:30 AM
8/21	@ Tri County	4:30 PM
8/23	@ Orchard View	7:00 PM
8/28	Muskegon	6:45 PM
8/29	MCC	6:45 PM
9/5	@ Montague	5:00 PM
9/9	@ Hanover Horton	TBA
9/12	Hart	6:45 PM
9/14	@ North Muskegon	TBA
9/19	Ravenna	6:45 PM
9/20	Sparta	6:45 PM
9/26	Shelby	6:45 PM
9/30	GR West Catholic	11:45 AM
10/2	@ Whitehall	5:45 PM
10/4	WMC Tournament	TBA
10/7	Cedar Springs	12:45 PM
10/9	WMC Tournament	TBA
10/11	WMC Tournament	TBA

JV Volleyball

8/19	@ Holton Invitational	9:00 AM
8/25	@ Reeths-Puffer QUAD	12:00 PM
8/26	@ MCC Invitational	9:00 AM
8/28	Muskegon	5:30 PM
8/29	Montague	5:30 PM
9/5	@ Shelby	5:30 PM
9/7	@ West Michigan Christian Tri	5:00 PM
9/12	@ Ravenna	5:30 PM
9/19	North Muskegon	5:30 PM
9/26	MCC	5:30 PM
9/30	@ Hesperia Invitational	9:00 AM
10/3	@ Hart	5:30 PM
10/5	@ Covenant Christian	5:30 PM
10/10	@ Whitehall	5:30 PM
10/12	@ Shelby (WMC JV Tourn)	TBA
10/19	Orchard View	5:30 PM
10/24	@ Sparta	TBA
10/25	Covenant Christian	5:30 PM

All events in **BOLD** reflect home games.
Dates & Times are subject to change.



2017/18 SCHOOL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Labor Day (No School)
- 5 First Day of School (Late Start)

EVERY Tuesday will be a
late start (except for
Tuesday, June 12, 2018)

OCTOBER

No Scheduled Events

NOVEMBER

- 3 Half Day for Elementary Students - **End of 1st MP**
- 9 Elementary Parent / Teacher Conferences in Evening
- 10 Half Day for Elementary Students - Parent / Teacher Conferences in Afternoon
- 13 MS & HS Parent / Teacher Conferences in Evening
- 14 Parent / Teacher Conferences in Evening
- 22 Teacher Conference Deferral Day - No School
- 23-24 Thanksgiving (No School)

DECEMBER

- 25-Jan 5 Christmas Vacation (No School)

JANUARY

- 8 School Resumes
- 24 Half Day for MS/HS Students - Final Exams
- 25 Half Day for MS/HS Students - Final Exams
- 26 Half Day for All Students - Final Exams for MS/HS - **End of 2nd MP**

FEBRUARY

- 16-19 Mid-Winter Break (No School)

MARCH

- 19 MS/HS Parent / Teacher Conferences in Evening
- 20 Elementary Parent / Teacher Conferences in Evening
- 21 MS/HS Parent / Teacher Conferences in Evening
- 22 Elementary Parent / Teacher Conferences in Evening
- 23 Half Day for Elementary Students - Parent Teacher Conferences in Afternoon
- 29 Half Day for Elementary Students - **End of 3rd MP**
- 30 Good Friday (No School)

APRIL

- 2-6 Spring Break (No School)

MAY

- 28 Memorial Day (No School)

JUNE

- 3 HS Graduation
- 11 Half Day for MS/HS Students - Final Exams
- 12 Half Day for MS/HS Students - Final Exams
- 13 Half Day for All Students - Final Exams for MS/HS - **End of 4th MP**



OAKRIDGE

COMMUNITY EDUCATION & GOLDEN EAGLES

GOLDEN EAGLES PROGRAM

Join the Oakridge Golden Eagles for activities, trips, dinners, & more! Stop by the Senior Center located at the south building at Apple & Carr. Or, contact Melody Clarke at 788-7155 if you would like to be added to the mailing list for activities and updates.

SUMMER PICNIC - AUGUST 21

Our picnic at Beal's Park on Wolf Lake will be at 12:00 pm. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. We will celebrate July & August birthdays at the picnic. Note: To register for the picnic, please call the Senior Center at 788-7155. (If it rains, we will meet at the Senior Center.)

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Date: Saturday, September 16, 2017

Time: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Where: 1050 Carr Rd (old Carr School Building)

Oakridge Golden Eagles & Oakridge School will be hosting a joint yard sale. School desks, chairs, cabinets, and much more will be for sale. We are also opening the sale up to residents to purchase a spot to sell their yard sale items. The cost is \$10 for a 10' spot. You have to furnish your own table and chair. Please call Melody at 788-7155 if you are interested.

SENIOR CENTER FUNDRAISER

Join us for a Soup & Dessert Supper on **October 16, 2017 from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**. For a donation, you can sample several delicious soups & desserts, and then vote for your favorite! Bring your friends & family for a nice meal and a good cause!

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Oakridge Community Education will be hosting its annual Turkey Dinner on **Monday, November 13, 2017 at 6:00 pm** in the Oakridge High School Cafeteria. This delicious dinner is FREE to Seniors 55 years and over. All you need to bring is yourself and a hearty appetite! Please call 788-7155 to make a reservation.

We will take reservations for Oakridge residents FIRST until Nov. 3rd. Non-Residents can call to reserve space after Nov 6th. No one under age 55 may attend.

GOLDEN EAGLES EVENTS PASS

Golden Eagle event passes are available FREE of charge to all Oakridge School District Residents 60 years and over. They may be used at all school events and activities and regular season home sporting events (all grades) with the exception of District and State Tournaments. You may pick up your FREE card at the Senior Citizen Office. Just bring your drivers license!

SOARING EAGLE TRAVELERS

Several times throughout the year, the Soaring Eagles will travel to fun and exciting destinations. Here are the trips currently planned for this fall. If you have any questions or interest, please call for details (788-7155).

Meet The Irish

Date: September 19-28, 2017

Cost: \$3,488 per person on double occupancy

Fall Color & Light House Tour

Date: October 10, 2017

Time: 7:00 am - 7:30 pm

Cost: \$65

Nashville Show Trip

Date: October 22-28, 2017

Cost: \$675

Firekeepers & Gun Lake Casino Trip

Date: November 9, 2017

Time: 7:30 am - 7:30 pm

Cost: \$25

Brown Bag "Stocking Stuffer" Tour

Date: November 28, 2017

Time: 6:30 am - 7:30 pm

Cost: \$77

GOLDEN EAGLES ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Day	Date	Activity	Location	Time
Monday	9/11	Advisory Board	Senior Center	10:30 AM
Monday	9/11	Birthday Bunch	Senior Center	11:30 AM
Monday	9/11	Bingo	Senior Center	12:30 PM
Tuesday	9/12	Gal's Together Lunch & Meeting	Senior Center	11:00 AM
Tuesday	9/12	Bunko	Senior Center	7:00 PM
Saturday	9/16	School/Community Yard Sale	Early Childhood Center	8AM-2PM
Monday	9/18	Bingo	Senior Center	12:30 PM
Thursday	9/21	Wii Bowling	Senior Center	11:00 AM
Monday	9/25	Bingo	Senior Center	12:30 PM
Thursday	9/28	Wii Bowling	Senior Center	11:00 AM
Friday	9/29	Breakfast Bunch	Carmen's Cafe (878 Jefferson)	9:00 AM

OCTOBER

Day	Date	Activity	Location	Time
Monday	10/2	Advisory Board	Senior Center	10:30 AM
Monday	10/2	Birthday Bunch	Senior Center	11:30 AM
Monday	10/2	Bingo	Senior Center	12:30 PM
Tuesday	10/3	Gal's Together Art Prize	Senior Center	10:00 AM
Thursday	10/5	Wii Bowling	Senior Center	11:00 AM
Monday	10/9	Bingo	Senior Center	12:30 PM
Tuesday	10/10	Fall Colors Trip	OMS Parking Lot	7A-7:30P
Tuesday	10/10	Bunko	Senior Center	7:00 PM
Thursday	10/12	Wii Bowling	Senior Center	11:00 AM
Monday	10/16	Soup & Dessert Supper	Senior Center	5-7 PM
Monday	10/16	Bingo	Senior Center	12:30 PM
Thursday	10/19	Wii Bowling	Senior Center	11:00 AM
Friday	10/20	Breakfast Bunch	Whitlow's (4610 Airline Road)	9:00 AM
Mon-Fri	10/23-27	Nashville Trip / Senior Center Closed	-	-
Monday	10/30	Bingo	Senior Center	12:30 PM

NOVEMBER

Day	Date	Activity	Location	Time
Thursday	11/2	Wii Bowling	Senior Center	11:00 AM
Monday	11/6	Advisory Board	Senior Center	10:30 AM
Monday	11/6	Birthday Bunch	Senior Center	11:30 AM
Monday	11/6	Bingo	Senior Center	12:30 PM
Tuesday	11/7	Election Day	-	-
Thursday	11/9	Firekeepers Gun Lake Casino	OMS Parking Lot	7:30A-7:30P
Monday	11/13	Bingo	Senior Center	12:30 PM
Monday	11/13	Thanksgiving Dinner	OHS Cafeteria	6:00 PM
Tuesday	11/14	Bunko	Senior Center	7:00 PM
Thursday	11/16	Wii Banquet	Senior Center	12:00 PM
Friday	11/17	Breakfast Bunch	Carmen's Cafe (878 Jefferson)	9:00 AM
Monday	11/20	Bingo	Senior Center	12:30 PM
Monday	11/27	Bingo	Senior Center	12:30 PM
Tuesday	11/28	Stocking Stuffer Trip	OMS Parking Lot	6:30A-7:30P

DECEMBER

Day	Date	Activity	Location	Time
Monday	12/4	Advisory Board	Senior Center	10:30 AM
Monday	12/4	Birthday Bunch	Senior Center	11:30 AM
Monday	12/4	Bingo	Senior Center	12:30 PM
Monday	12/11	Bingo	Senior Center	12:30 PM
Monday	12/11	Christmas Party Potluck	Senior Center	5:30 PM
Tuesday	12/12	Cookie Exchange	Senior Center	12:00 PM
Tuesday	12/12	Bunko	Senior Center	7:00 PM
Friday	12/15	Breakfast Bunch	Whitlow's (4610 Airline Road)	9:00 AM



OAKRIDGE Alumni Corner

When Oakridge High School celebrated its first graduation ceremony in 1967, Mark Fazakerley was among the first class of graduates. It seemed rather fitting to have him return to participate in graduation ceremonies this past year (2017) to deliver the keynote address to Oakridge's 50th graduating class. Mark fondly remembers being a part of the very first OHS football team, and being an active Student Council member. He said his football coach (Larry

Boone) had the job of forming a team without the benefit of anyone who had played on a team previously, and he did the best he could with a "rag-tag bunch of young men".

Unsure of what to do after high school, Mark entered the Navy right out of high school. At the time he had second thoughts about his decision but ultimately, he was glad to make the choice to enlist. Having seen a lot of the world by traveling (in the Navy), he eventually settled down in his home town of Muskegon. "I had no inclination to move away from Michigan, or even Muskegon for that matter.", said Fazakerley. He currently lives in Egelston Township, with his wife of 45 years (fellow Oakridge Alumni, Christine Cunningham). They have three girls who all live within the district, and have children of their own that are students at Oakridge. In 1979, he started his business (Eagle Alloy) with fellow Oakridge '67 graduate, Wayne Jarvis. Mark remains actively involved in their successful, local business. Mark's advice to our Oakridge HS students who are beginning to think about what they will do for a living is to work hard on determining your passion and the type of employment you want to spend your life working on. "If you enjoy what you do, it will never seem like work to you.", he shares.

MARK FAZAKERLEY • Class of 1967
Owner of Eagle Alloy

PD TUESDAYS (LATE STARTS)

Every Tuesday this school year (except June 12), school will begin at 8:43am (MS/HS), 9:20am (Upper EI), and 9:35am (Lower EI) to allow time for staff to engage in Professional Development (PD) and school improvement efforts. The district is not only state-mandated to provide teachers time for PD, it is essential for educators to continuously sharpen their skills to improve student learning. We appreciate the community's support as we support our students with the highest quality teachers around. This consistent schedule will be easy to remember for parents and allow teachers and school leaders to gain momentum in our school improvement efforts.

Oakridge Expands Digital Learning Experiences *(Continued from, pg 1)*

Voters across Muskegon County stepped up to the plate in February 2014 by passing the Regional Technology & Security Millage Ballot Proposal providing 10 years of dedicated funding to improve the security of our facilities and improve our technological infrastructure. This benefits kids in a tremendous way.

With this strong foundation, I am excited to announce that, this Fall, every student enrolled in grades 7-12 will be provided a Google Chromebook to use at school. They'll be able to take the Chromebooks home with parent permission and the purchase of device insurance. Elementary students will have nearly the same access level but the Chromebooks will be shared by students at school. Our youngest learners will share iPads. Again, it is not about simply having a device. It is about what kids can create, access, and learn while using the device. It's about providing opportunities to learn 21st Century Skills in a technologically relevant classroom. It's about personalizing learning experiences for individual students who may want learn at a quicker pace or be taught in a different way. Some may even want to take courses that Oakridge does not have in our course guide. The possibilities are exciting!

In conclusion, every student will graduate from Oakridge either enrolled in college, enlisted in the military, or employed with a job. We must prepare every student for their life's next step. We want Oakridge students to be a step ahead!

To a great school year,

Tom Livezey
Superintendent

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 Transportation.....788-7110
 Lower Elementary.....788-7600
 Upper Elementary.....788-7500
 Middle School.....788-7400
 High School.....788-7300
 HS Counseling Center.....788-7310
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2017/18 OAKRIDGE BUILDING SCHEDULES

BUILDING	FULL DAYS	HALF DAYS	LATE START DAYS*
High School	7:43 - 2:43	7:43 - 11:03	8:43 - 2:43
Middle School	7:43 - 2:43	7:43 - 11:03	8:43 - 2:43
Upper Elementary	8:20 - 3:20	8:20 - 11:40	9:20 - 3:20
Lower Elementary	8:35 - 3:35	8:35 - 11:55	9:35 - 3:35
GSRP	8:30 - 3:30	NO SCHOOL	NO DELAYS
ECSE (AM)	8:05 - 11:20	-	NO DELAYS
ECSE (PM)	12:05 - 3:20	-	-

* Every Tuesday during the school year (with the exception of June 12th) will be a late start day. for all buildings.

